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In re Divisional Patent Application of)
Akihiro TANOUE et al.)
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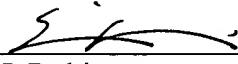
Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in parent application Serial No. 09/447,573, and the predecessor application Serial No. 09/731,011.

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